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Statement of the Progress of the Principal Branches of the Public Revenue, at different periods during the present century, shewing the actual produce of Taxation, and its produce in comparison with the increased Population. From the "Progress of the Revenue," by G. R. Porter, Esq. F.R.S. &c.

FOR	TER, ESq. P.R.S. &C.	Total.
1811	Amount collected in 1801	£33,081,821 28,597,600
	Amount to be received in 1811 by computation Amount actually collected in 1811	61,679,421 64,342,741
	Amount received beyond the computed amount Amount which should have been received, taking into account the increase of 13½ per cent. of population	2,663,320 70,006,142
	Amount deficient in proportion to increased population .	5,663,401
1821<	Amount collected in 1801	33,081,821
	Duties and Taxes imposed between 1801 and 1821	35,189,208 68,271,029
	Duties and Taxes repealed, &c. between 1814 and 1821 .	19,493,733
	Amount to be received in 1821 by computation Amount actually collected in 1821	48,777,296 54,477,641
	Amount received beyond the computed amount Amount which should have been received, taking into account the increase of 29% per cent. of population	5,700,345 63,288,543
	Amount deficient in proportion to increased population .	8,810,902
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1831<	Amount collected in 1801 Duties and Taxes imposed between 1801 and 1831	33,081,821 36,841,192
	Duties and Taxes repealed, &c. between 1814 and 1831 .	69,923,013 38,467,121
	Amount to be received in 1831 by computation Amount actually collected in 1831	31,455,892 46,161,674
	Amount received beyond the computed amount Amount which should have been received, taking into account the increase of 48½ per cent. of population	$\frac{14,705,782}{46,711,999}$
	Amount deficient in proportion to increased population	550,325
1836<	Amount collected in 1801  Duties and Taxes imposed between 1801 and 1836	33,081,821 37,084,187
	Duties and Taxes repealed, &c. between 1814 and 1836 .	70,166,008 43,691,377
	Amount to be received in 1836 by computation Amount actually collected in 1836	26,474,631 48,547,435
	Amount received beyond the computed amount .  Amount which should have been received, taking into a	22,072,804
	count the increase of 594 per cent. of population	42,227,036
	Amount in excess in proportion to increased population .	6,320,399

"This statement shews that although the amount of taxes received in 1811 was greater than the computation made, from the duties imposed, by the sum of 2,663,320L, it was smaller than the amount which should have been received by 5,663,401L, when we take into account the increase which had been experienced in the numbers of our population. In 1821 the amount actually collected was 5,700,345L beyond the computed amount, but 8,810,902L below the sum that should have been received, considering that the population was then greater by 29\frac{3}{4}\$ per cent. than it was in 1801. Between 1821 and 1831 taxes were repealed beyond what were imposed, amounting to 17,321,404L, and the effect of this reduction was immediately seen in the proportionally greater consumption of articles upon which the old or modified duties were continued. The amount received into the Exchequer in 1831 was greater than the amount by computation to the extent of 14,705,782L, and was within 550,325L of the sum which it should have reached, considering the increased number by whom it was contributed. It will further be seen, that in 1836, when the public burdens had been still further reduced by 4,981,261L, the amount of duties and taxes received was greater than it should have been by computation to the extent of 22,072,804L, and greater also 6,320,399L than the remaining taxes would have yielded at the same rate of consumption by the increased numbers of the people."

The following table exhibits the deficiency or excess of the principal branches of revenue in comparison with the increased population at the same periods. It has been found necessary to throw together the Customs and Excise duties in consequence of the numerous transfers, as regards the collection of revenue, which have been effected between those two departments.

Deficiency or Excess in comparison with increased Population.

	Customs and Excise.	Stamps.	Taxes.	Post Office.	Total.
	Deficiency.	Excess. £.	Deficiency. $\mathcal{L}$ .	Deficiency. $\pounds$	Deficiency.
1811	2,495,042	989,301	4,120,985	36,675	5,663,401
1821	9,083,729	1,099,270	356,403	470,040	8,810,902
1831	1,303,953 Excess.	1,400,549	160,979 Excess.	485,942	550,325
1836	4,435,212	1,476,109	911,996	502,918	6,320,399

## EMIGRATION FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

## Abstract of Official Reports, 1838.

In presenting an Abstract of the Reports of the Agent-General and other officers for Emigration, it may be expedient to review the principal Parliamentary and administrative proceedings on the subject for some years past.

Two Committees of the House of Commons upon Emigration sat in 1826 and 1827, of which Mr. Wilmot Horton was chairman. The first reported, generally, the facts and principles from which it deduced the conclusion, that there was a greater amount of labouring population in the United Kingdom than could be profitably employed, and that the British Colonies afforded a field where the excess could be advantageously occupied. The next Committee entered further into detail, and pointed out more specifically the nature and extent of the assistance which it would recommend to be given to emigration from national extensive; the probable reason why their labours were not productive of more immediate practical fruit is, that they assumed that in order to ensure the welfare of the emigrants it was necessary to establish them upon land, and (almost a necessary corollary from an opinion so